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company to own stations reaching 45% of the country, which actually means up to 90% if the company owns only UHF stations. While the current limits on local radio ownership would be retained, the proposal would allow for significantly increased radio and TV cross-ownership. Taken together, these changes would move this country closer to a time when the media is dominated by a small number of national companies that are completely out of the reach of local ownership and control. This would be a significant and I believe largely negative development, given our nation's history of local access and local control of the media that has served us so well until now.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 lifted the cap on how many radio stations a company can own nationwide. Before the Act, a radio station could only own up to 40 stations throughout the entire country. After the Act's enactment, there has been a sustained period of consolidation in the radio industry resulting in one company, Clear Channel, now owning more than 1,200 radio stations and a few other companies owning hundreds and hundreds of stations.

While allowing one company to own many radio stations has improved the bottom-line of the radio business for some investors, radio listeners are suffering. With just a few companies setting national play lists, the vast choice once available to radio listeners no longer exists. Driving across the country, a listener is now struck by the uniform nature of music play lists, not the diversity of sound and local creativity that once inhabited our airwaves.

In the area of local news and information, as large corporations have consolidated local newsrooms in favor of a few national news centers, the people who used to listen to the radio to learn about the issues and news in their own neighborhood have lost a crucial source of information. In addition, the market power of large radio companies has been used to increase prices, and decrease choices, in complimentary entertainment ventures such as concert venues, promotion, and merchandise.

The rules that the Commission has proposed would undermine our citizens' ability to obtain news and information that they need to fully participate in our democratic society. The Commission must provide a full description of all of the proposed changes and the basis for each of them. The Commission must then take the time to fully consider the far-reaching impact of the proposed rules and allow for vigorous comment and debate.

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The lesson of radio over the last seven years is a critical one for this debate, and we ignore it at great risk to the country. In the current environment, it is very easy to move forward and to change the media ownership rules without a full appreciation of the consequences and without full disclosure and debate. It will be a much harder task to turn back the clock if these new rules do to newspapers and television what the Telecommunications Act of 1996 has done to radio.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Russell D. Feingold". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Russell D. Feingold
UNITED STATES SENATOR

cc:

Kathleen Q. Abernathy

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02-277

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Mr. Michael Powell
Chairman, FCC
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Powell:

I am writing to ask you to PLEASE maintain current FCC laws protecting the American public from further consolidation of our media.

I live in a small town, have only Comcast for cable, or dish which costs high start-up fees. If you allow Murdock and Fox to merge, it won't be long before they push out any competition there might now be and will rein as a sole monopoly in television programming and other media coverage. Also, remember what happened in Florida, where the presidential election results were suspect because of Fox coverage.

Also, the apparent strong conservative slant on the news that is available now, generally on all stations but PBS and BBC, strongly suggests inequities and bias in coverage.

Perhaps you've already been taken by the big bucks lobbyists, and this letter is in vain, but I hope that you are an honorable person and understand that the position you hold is to ensure protection of free speech and unbiased and equitable media coverage for the American people.

Please, do the right thing for yourself and this country by preventing further media consolidation.

Sincerely,

Nancy Yates
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Representative Lipinski:

OUR PUBLIC AIR WAVES

I urge you and your colleagues in Congress to promote a diverse, balanced, and competitive media. Please stop the FCC rule change on June 2.

I find that the news presented by ABC, NBC and FOX all sounds the same as if it were a repeat of what they receive from the wire services and do not contain items that I gather from the internet and BBC, courtesy of NPR and WYCC (TV-20). The same situation exists on Clear Channel radio that is editorialized by the same source and lacks local items of interest.

Please stop the Federal Communications Commission intent to lift restrictions on media ownership that could allow our local newspaper, cable provider, radio stations, and TV channels all to be owned by one company. The result could be the disappearance of the checks and balances provided by a competitive media marketplace -- and huge cutbacks in local news and reporting. Good, balanced information is the basis for our democracy.

We allow media companies to use the airwaves in exchange for their assurance that they're serving the public interest, and it's the FCC's job to make sure that's so. Please hold the FCC to its mandate and oppose the rule change.

Sincerely,

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This plan, if it goes through, defies the free enterprise system. It uses the excuse of the free enterprise system to put media in as few hands as possible. Thomas Paine, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, etc. all understood the important of an independent, diverse media. How come we don't get it?

Sincerely,

Kevin James Miller

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